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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS COMMENT ON SOLZHENITSYN  
EXPULSION

1. FEBRUARY 14 LONDON PRESS HIGHLIGHTED SOLZHENITSYN  
ARREST, EXPULSION AND ARRIVAL IN GERMANY, WHICH RIVALLED  
ELECTION NEWS. STORY APPEARED PROMINENTLY ON FRONT  
PAGES OF ALL PAPERS AND WASEXCLUSIVE IN "DAILY MIRROR"  
AND "DAILY MAIL."

2. WHILE SEVERAL PAPERS ADDED COMMENT FROM ABROAD,  
"DAILY EXPRESS" INCLUDED COMMENTS BY WRITERS KINGSLEY  
AMIS, ALAN SILLITOE AND ROBERT CONQUEST. ARTICLES  
INCLUDED EXCERPTS FROM THE "GULAG ARCHIPELAGO" AND  
SEVERAL EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DETENTE AND  
THE FUTILITY OF THE CSCE.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: "DAILY  
EXPRESS" -- "A LONE WRITER, IN POLITICAL AND PHILOSOPHI-  
CAL OPPOSITION TO SOVIET IMPERIALISM, IS TOO GREAT A  
CHALLENGE FOR THE K.G.B." AND "SOLZHENITSYN PROVES YET  
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AGAIN THAT ONE MAN OF PRINCIPLE CAN TRIUMPH AGAINST THE

MOST EFFICIENTLY BRUTAL OF REGIMES."

"TELEGRAPH" -- "FOR ONCE THE K.G.B. AND THE TOP MEN IN THE KREMLIN HAVE HAD TO CONFESS THEMSELVES AT A LOSS, FACED OUT AND FACED DOWN BY ONE MAN. HIS CONTINUED MIGHTY PRESENCE AND VOICE WITHIN THE COUNTRY HAD BECOME INTOLERABLE, BECAUSE IT CHALLENGED THE WHOLE ROTTEN SOVIET SYSTEM, SO HE HAD TO GO." ARTICLE FINISHED, "THE LESSON IS CLEAR: A STATE AS POWERFUL AS RUSSIA WHICH CAN DEAL WITH A WORLD-FAMOUS AUTHOR ONLY IN THIS WAY MUST BE SO UNSTABLE AS TO BE REALLY DANGEROUS."

FINALLY, "THE GUARDIAN" WRITES -- "THIS IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF A SYSTEM AND A HIERARCHY WHICH IS ANYWAY TYRANNICAL BUT WHICH NOW IS FRIGHTENED OF ITS OWN PAST."

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